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1. POL COUNS INFORMED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF
POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABD AL-RAHMAN MANSOURI ON
SEPTEMBER 10 THAT WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION IN
IRAN, THAT PRESIDENT HAD SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE OF
SUPPORT TO SHAH, AND THAT PRESIDENT WOULD BE
TALKING WITH SHAH BY TELEPHONE AT 12:00 GMT. HE
THEN ASKED MANSOURI FOR SAUDI VIEW OF SITUATION.

2. MANSOURI SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS CONCERNED
ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAN AND HOPED SITUATION
WOULD NOT DETERIORATE FURTHER. ON THE OTHER HAND,
HE DID NOT THINK THAT THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT SAUDI
ARABIA COULD DO. THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE INTERNAL
MATTERS. HE WONDERED WHAT THE PRESIDENT COULD DO

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OR SAY TO THE SHAH THAT WOULD HELP.

3. POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT WE WANTED THE SHAH TO
KNOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND HIS POSITION AND THAT HE
HAD OUR SUPPORT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF MODERATE
STATES IN THE AREA COULD OFFER HIM ENCOURAGEMENT.

4. MANSOURI SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS SYMPATHETIC
AND THAT KING HAD SENT HIM CONDOLENCES AT TIME
OF THE CINEMA TRAGEDY.
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